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METHOD FOR REMOVING LAYERS OF HARD

MATERIAL

Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<u>AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

Sir:

Applicants hereby request, under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a 3 month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated November 4, 2002; that is, up to and including May 5, 2003. A check including \$930 for the extension of time is enclosed for a large entity. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, please amend the above-

identified application, as follows:

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